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Governor Brewer Announces Approval of Education Stabilization Funds

Application for Part 1 Approved by U.S. Department of Education

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today announced Arizona's application for the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) has been approved by the U.S. Department of Education. More than \$681 million is now available for Arizona under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The remaining one-third (\$335.5 million) will be eligible to apply for in the fall following a more detailed application.

"It is excellent news that the federal government has approved my application for education stimulus funding," stated Governor Brewer. "While these funds obviously do not close the state budget deficit hole of \$4 billion, they are an important tool in my mission to protect our K-12, university, and community college systems from crippling budget cuts. I remain very concerned and vigilant that our new FY 2010 state budget meets all of the federal government's maintenance of effort requirements to receive and utilize these funds. I will not accept a new state budget that threatens the loss of these federal stimulus dollars."

Under the SFSF, Arizona qualifies for a total of \$1.017 billion, with \$832 million dedicated to the Education Stabilization Fund which will be used to restore and maintain support as well as advance reform for elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education.

To be eligible to receive these funds, Arizona, in the application, provided assurances it will collect, publish, analyze and act on basic information regarding the quality of classroom teachers, annual student improvements, college readiness, the effectiveness of state standards and assessments, progress on removing charter caps and interventions in turning around underperforming schools.

The Governor has not yet itemized her intended uses of the Government Services Fund. Utilization of both the Education Stabilization Funds and the Government Services funds must be committed by September 30, 2011.

Arizona has already received \$209 million in education awards through the ARRA representing a combination of funding for Title I, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Vocational Rehabilitation Grants, Independent Living Grants and Impact Aid.

The funding applications for K-12, charter schools, universities and community colleges will be available shortly.

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